

# The Cure to Materialism

## 1 Timothy 6

*People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. 1 Timothy 6:9-10*

*But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. 1 Timothy 6:8, 10*

**The only cure for materialism is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2*

## A warning, a command, and a promise about materialism

**1. Paul warns those who \_\_\_\_\_ rich about materialism.**

**You don't have to be rich to be a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap 1 Timothy 6:9*

**297 Billion dollars spent in advertising in 2021.**

*Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15*

## Four signs of materialism and greed

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ spirit

*But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. (vs 8)*

2. U \_\_\_\_\_ desires

*People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires (vs 9)*

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ priorities

*Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith (vs 10)*

4. Betrayal of \_\_\_\_\_

*pierced themselves with many griefs. (vs 10)*

## **2. Paul warns those who are \_\_\_\_\_ rich about materialism.**

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*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant 1 Timothy 6:17*

### **Don't be arrogant or put your trust in riches.**

1. It is so \_\_\_\_\_

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain 1 Timothy 6:17*

2. Because it is so \_\_\_\_\_

*For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. (vs 7)*

*But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11*

## **3. Paul commands, be content and be \_\_\_\_\_.**

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*But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Timothy 6:8*

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, 1 Timothy 6:17*

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:18*

***Generosity does not just apply to money.***

***It applies to our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ .***

*“be rich in good deeds” (vs 18)*

#### **4. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ reward promised to the generous.**

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**An \_\_\_\_\_ reward promised to the generous.**

*In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, 1 Timothy 6:19*

**God keeps \_\_\_\_\_**

- Every idle word that we speak—Matthew 12:36
- Every cup of cold water in Jesus’ Name—Matthew 10:42

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

**Matthew 6:19-20**

*In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, 1 Timothy 6:19*

**An \_\_\_\_\_ promise of personal satisfaction.**

*but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. An earthly promise of personal satisfaction. 1 Timothy 6:17b*

*so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:19b*

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* **2 Corinthians 9:8**

*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.* **2 Corinthians 9:10**

### **How do you learn to be generous?**

1. Heed the warning—materialism is a threat that can \_\_\_\_\_ you
2. O\_\_\_\_\_ the command—be generous
3. Claim the p\_\_\_\_\_—God will supply all you need and lay up treasures in heaven

### **Put God first in your life.**

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* **Matthew 6:33**

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.* **Romans 12:2**

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